

MINUTES
January 16, 2003

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Thomas at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a prayer led by Dr. Lawrence Wilder.
- ATTENDANCE Members present: President Thomas, Vice President Allen Clyde, Members Delbert Cederquist, and Keith Eubanks and Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas; Deputy Superintendents Daniel Pietro and Donald Collins; Assistant Superintendent Lawrence Wilder; Administrative Advisor Jan Biggs; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Terry Allen, Stephen Bock, Ken Campbell, Jim Coiner, Rita Contreras, Jeanne Coyne, Dr. John Minkler, Charlene Samuelian, Elizabeth Sullivan.
- AGENDA
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2002; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF
THE MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Juli Kendall** as their February 2003 Employee of the Month.
- Juli is an outstanding teacher of visually impaired students. Here is an excerpt from a letter received from the parents of one of her students:
- “There is a very special person on your staff that you need to know about and her name is Juli Kendall. Our son Alex was 4 months old when he came out of the hospital and we learned that he had little or no vision. Juli came in and informed us of what we needed to do with our son to get him to develop the skills he needed to adapt. She was our angel from heaven. She gave us her number to call, and she even included her home number. I was inspired today to write because it was Alex’s first day of school in a new location. Like always she was there making sure Alex had everything ready for his day, despite having a bad leg. Our words can never express the feeling of gratitude and appreciation for the love and dedication she has given our son. I know she will say she was only doing her job, but to me she goes beyond that.”
- Julie has planned and completed many outside activities for blind students in the Fresno County SELPA with the help of the other teachers of visually impaired students. Some of these include trips to San Francisco, roller skating parties and snow ski trips. She is an enthusiastic champion for children with visual impairments and a wonderful employee for FCOE.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Juli Kendall. Congratulations, Juli, for a job well done.
- MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS
Board Project
Proposals
- Bonner Family Terry Allen, Arts Lead, Curriculum & Instruction, presented information regarding Bonner Family Foundation.

Foundation

- Project of the Bonner Family Foundation
- Arts component for the Riverbottom project.
- Teaching teachers and children how to incorporate the arts concepts in the outdoor environment.
- Teachers and students will learn specific visual arts content in alignment with the California State Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts as adopted in 2001.
- Proposal for classes that visit the River bottom will be able to choose an art project to go along with other experiences on the site and discover value of art in the curriculum.

Goals:

- Bring art back into the classroom
- Teach art to teachers and students.
- Have participants recognize the value of art
- Add an arts component to the River bottom project

Mr. Allen advised the Board that the project funding would be used to provide the following:

- Train teachers with appropriate expertise
- Lesson plans for the lessons being taught
- Resources and materials
- Follow-up lessons in art and other subjects

The Board thanked Mr. Allen for his presentation.

PASS Internet
Program: Cyber
High

Dr. Guido Pramps, PASS Program, presented information regarding Cyber High.

- Web development and deployment of the remaining twenty-five courses
- Electronic access to the complete curriculum required for high school graduation
- Additional programming and network experts be consulted so that the infrastructure can continue to be maintained, upgraded and improved to meet the demanding needs of expansion.
- Marketing Company to promote the sales of Cyber High

Dr. Pramps advised the Board that the project funding would greatly help in promoting Cyber High, a creation of the Fresno County Office of Education.

The Board thanked Dr. Pramps for his presentation.

After School
Technology
Mentoring Program

Dr. John Minkler, Safe and Healthy Kids Department and Jim Coiner, Leadership Academy presented information regarding After School Technology Mentoring Program.

- Youth technology Mentor Selection
12-20 high school students from Fresno County (primarily Migrant Ed.) will be selected to learn the technical and instruction skills to guide younger students in our after-school programs
- Leadership Academy Training Programs at Scout Island
Two training workshops at Scout Island will be provided for the Tech. Mentors to learn and practice the *Five Elements of Leadership* and the program goals and instructional strategies.
- *Find Our Heroes*
Tech. Mentors will learn how to work with younger students, in Safe and Healthy Kids After school programs, to identify heroes in their family and community.
- Prevention Programs
Tech. Mentors will also learn to research and prepare powerful multimedia presentations on the prevention of violence, bullying, and drug and alcohol abuse.
- Youth Mentor Technology and Instruction Training.
- Youth Mentor Work Study Program

The Board thanked Dr. Minkler and Mr. Coiner for their presentation.

Special Education
Video Project

Charlene Samuelian, Administrator, Special Education; Sandra Day, Director, Judy Dorn, Nurse Assessment Team, Health Services, presented information on a video production regarding special education programs.

- How Special Education is meeting the needs of the medically fragile students.
- Home Instruction
- Partnerships with Children's Hospital Central California and working with school nurses as the liaison
- To show cooperation between Children's hospital and the school system in meeting the needs of the medically fragile student.
- To use at universities in credential programs
- Video to be used at the New Nurse Orientation Program sponsored by Fresno County Office of Education and Tulare County Office of Education.
- Video to be used during orientation of new employees.

The Board thanked Ms. Samuelian, Ms. Day, and Ms. Dorn for their presentation.

Central California
Regional Science,
Mathematic and
Engineering Fair

Stephen Bock, Coordinator, Science, presented information regarding the Regional Science, Mathematics and Engineering Fair.

- Offers students an opportunity to research a question and develop a project in a competitive environment.
- Analyze and represent data using mathematical and analytical skills.
- Utilize artistic skills to design a display that will effectively display their ideas to others.
- Produce projects that advance to state and international competitions.
- Expansion of Awards ceremony, highlighting the history and success of the event.
- Former award winners will be recognized through visual displays, video production and personal appearances.
- Website expansion providing resources for students, teachers and parents, as well as a venue for celebrating student success.

The Board thanked Mr. Bock for his presentation.

President Thomas thanked all the presenters and advised them that the selection of the project for 2003 will be placed on next month's agenda as an action item.

MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES

Arts Work:
2003/2004 Visual
and Performing
Arts Grant Program
Approved

Elizabeth Sullivan, Administrator and Terry Allen, Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction presented the Arts Work: 2003/2004 Visual and Performing Arts Grant Program to the Board for approval.

Member Clyde moved to approve the Arts Work: 2003/2004 Visual and Performing Arts Grant Program; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
Expulsion Hearing
Washington Union
High School
District
Continuance
(February)

Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor, advised the Board that the Washington Union High School District's student requested a continuance for the expulsion appeal hearing for one (1) month.

MOVED TO:
School Library
Media Services

Introduction Janie Rocheford, Director, School Library Media Services introduced Randy Reed, Coordinator, School Library Media Services.

Media for Consideration Discussion item only Janie Rocheford, Director, School Library Media Services presented media for discussion. Member Tannenbaum sought information from Ms. Rocheford regarding whether or not there is a great demand for VHS media distribution to schools. Ms. Rocheford advised Member Tannenbaum that there is a demand for video media since many schools do not have DVD players. Member Cederquist sought information regarding whether or not equipment from FCOE is available for schools (DVDs); Ms. Rocheford advised Member Cederquist that equipment is available and that the schools just need to request equipment.

MOVED TO:
COURT AND
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
County Jail for
Juveniles Report

Ken Campbell, Administrator, and Steve Susaki, Coordinator, Court and Community Schools presented information to the board regarding the jail facility (pod) and presented a slide show on the layout of the jail pod as a solution for crowding at the juvenile hall facility. The board sought information regarding the jail pod. The board thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Susaki for their presentation.

Court Schools
Consolidated
Application (Part 2)
and the Site Plan
for the Court and
Community
Schools
Approved

Ken Campbell, Administrator, Court and Community Schools, requested the board approve the Consolidated Application (Part 2) and the Site Plan for the Court and Community Schools.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Consolidated Application (Part 2) and the Site Plan for the Court and Community Schools; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Court and
Community
Schools Library
Plan 2003-2004

Ken Campbell, Administrator, Court and Community Schools, requested the board approve the Court and Community Schools Library Plan 2003-2004.

Member Clyde moved to approve the Court and Community Schools Library Plan 2003-2004; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Introduction

Ken Campbell introduced Marisa Gamboa, Teacher, Court and Community Schools, to the Board.

School Attendance
Review Board
(SARB)

Mike Robinson, Pupil Personnel, presented information regarding SARB. Mr. Robinson also advised the Board that a SARB conference is held annually.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS
Resolution #2003-
02, Mitigated
Negative
Declaration for the
Scout Island

Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro requested the Board consider adopting Resolution #2002-34, Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2003-02, Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Outdoor Education
Center Project
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to award Ramacher Project site work bid; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Award Ramacher
Bid for Site Work
Approved

Bid Remodeling
Project – Emmanuel
Lutheran Site
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve remodeling project at Emmanuel Lutheran Site; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Apportionment of
Forest Reserve
Receipts
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve Apportionment of Forest Reserve Receipts; seconded by Member Clyde
The Board sought information regarding the discretionary funds under the general fund.

2001/02 FCOE
Audit Report

Ray Cowles, Auditor, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., who reviewed the annual audit report for 2001-2002 fiscal year.
The board acknowledged the audit report for the 2001-2002 fiscal year as presented.

MOVED TO:
PERSONNEL

Resolution #2003-
01, Early
Retirement (PERS)

Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro requested the Board consider adopting Resolution #2003-01, Early Retirement (PERS).

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2003-01, Early Retirement (PERS); seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES

Approval of
Meetings to Attend

None.

Approval of Travel
Expenses by Board
Members

The following Board members submitted travel expense claims for attendance at the annual CSBA Conference held in San Francisco: Member Clyde (\$243.90); Member Tannenbaum (\$220.00); President Thomas (\$200.32).

Member Cederquist moved to approve travel expense claims as submitted; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Committee
Appointments
Approved

President Thomas requested approval of the following committee appointments:

- A. ROP Advisory Board of Management Committee – Delbert Cederquist
- B. SARB – Keith Eubanks
- C. Trustees Association – Delbert Cederquist
- D. California County Board of Education Liaison – Barbara Thomas
- E. Fresno Chamber of Commerce (Program for HS) – Barbara Thomas
- F. Facilities – Delbert Cederquist
- G. Representatives on Special Project Committees
 - Scout Island Facilities and Grounds – Delbert Cederquist
 - Scout Island Advisory – Allen Clyde
- H. Board Project Follow-up – Sally Tannenbaum (Annual Report)

- I. Community School Plan – Barbara Thomas
- J. Review Survey of Job Classifications – Barbara Thomas and Allen Clyde
- K. Special Projects Committees will be appointed as need arises.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the committee appointments as assigned by President Thomas; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Special
Recognitions
Nation's Top
Young Scientist

Stephen Bock, Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction, introduced Christine Haas, the winner of the "Nation's Top Young Scientist" award. Superintendent Mehas and President Thomas presented Ms. Haas with a plaque in recognition of being named the Nation's Top Young Scientist. Miss Haas thanked the board and Superintendent Mehas.

Comments by
Board Members

None.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- Swearing-in Ceremony
Superintendent thanked the staff for all of their hard work and an outstanding job on the reception.
- State Superintendent O'Connell's swearing-in reception was a successful event.
- K12 Higher Education Master Plan
Superintendent Mehas discussed briefly the K12 Higher Education Master Plan.
- West Fresno Update
Superintendent Mehas gave the board an update regarding the current status on West Fresno School District. The Board sought information regarding AB 1200.
- Emmanuel-Lutheran Church Property Update
- State Budget
Superintendent Mehas advised the board that a copy of the preliminary budget proposal from the Governor's office is in each of their table packets and as more information is received from Governor's office the board will be given an update.
- Board Seminar – Smittcamp Alumni House on February 3, 2003.
- Clovis Unified's Special Education Program
Finalized agreement with Clovis Unified's Special Education Program
- Minarets Update
Jan Biggs gave the board an update regarding Minarets.

COMMUNITY
INPUT

Jeanne Coyne, President, CTA gave the board an update on the following:
CTA Negotiations

Comment by Keith Eubanks will be unable to attend the February Board meeting (medical reason).
Member Eubanks

FUTURE Board Project 2003
AGENDAS Naming of Facilities

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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